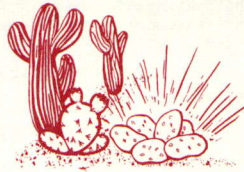


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On November 29, 1979 virtually every farmer ( 52 signatures) in the Enterprise - Escalante Valley unanimously joined in formal protest to Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation proposed action ( ACT-021-004) to dewater and dislocate a significant portion of our underground water supply.

As we stated in the protest, we consider this proposed dislocation to be a direct threat to our livelihood as farmers with catastrophic consequences to productive farming operations that have existed here for 20 and 30 years.

As of this date, we have neither heard nor seen anything to acknowledge our protest. Please advise immediately of the status of both our protest and the application made by Ranchers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Lee Bracken".

S. Lee Bracken  
Bracken Farms, Inc.